

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022



President Tony Starr K3TS opened the meeting @ 1906 hours.

ATTENDANCE :

- ◆ President Tony Starr K3TS
- ◆ Vice President Jon Pearce WB2MNF
- ◆ Treasurer Alan Arrison KB2AYU
- ◆ Recording Secretary Karl Frank W2KBF
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary Ron Block NR2B
- ◆ Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN (attending by ZOOM)
- ◆ Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- ◆ Director Chuck Colabrese WA2TML
- ◆ Director Herb Dyer KT2Y
- ◆ Director Bill Price NJ2S
- ◆ Trustee Jim Wright N2GXJ (attending by ZOOM)
- ◆ Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- ◆ Member John O'Connell K2QA
- ◆ Member Chris Prioli AD2CS
- ◆ Member Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY
- ◆ Member John Hill W2HUV

MINUTES : The minutes of the March BoD Meeting were summarized by **Karl Frank W2KBF**.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following applications were received and approved :

- ◆ Adam Duncan KD2ZCM
- ◆ Robert Saunders KC2UYS
- ◆ Robert Brown KD2YUG
- ◆ Joshua Bradway (no call)
- ◆ Robert Caruso KC3TZQ
- ◆ William Mollenhauer N2FZ
- ◆ Charles Lessley KC3TZR
- ◆ Francisco Reyes KD2ZHA
- ◆ Thomas Distelcamp KC2GYC

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items :

- ◆ Income : \$3,803
- ◆ Expenses : \$1,470
- ◆ Net Gain : \$2,333
- ◆ Total in all accounts includes the rebuilding fund.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

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CLUBHOUSE : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** reported that approximately \$1100 is left over from the Grounding Project Funds that were approved last year. **Frank Romeo N3PUU** said this would be more than adequate to finish grounding in the VHF room but additional funds will be needed to purchase new paneling, insulation and wood for custom furniture. Frank will provide a cost estimate. Alan said we will need “all hands on deck” for tower work, which will involve some welding, painting and installation of lifting cables. In addition, the Clubhouse will need a new roof in the near future and the materials are estimated to cost about \$5000. Alan will obtain quotes from roofers and **Tony Starr K3TS** said we may want to wait until after Hamfest to see how much money we have.

CLUB NETS : **Jim Clark KA2OSV** said only 4 club members have been checking in to the 10 Meter net lately.

DX and CONTESTS : **Tony Starr K3TS** said that 10 Meters has been open lately. The Florida QSO Party will take place the last weekend of this month and the ARRL International Digital Contest is scheduled for the first weekend of June.

REPEATERS : The 2 Meter Repeater is working better (with FM) now that a bad feedline was swapped out but C4FM stopped working following a firmware upgrade. The 440 repeater is still off the air and being tested by **John Zaruba K2ZA**.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reported that 14 have signed up for the Extra Licensing Classes with 7 for General and 7 for Technician Classes. After this cycle there will be a break from classes over Summer. Going forward, the Education Committee will coordinate with the Digital Training Net run by **Gary Mirkin WA3SVW**.

HAMFEST : **Bill Price NJ2S** received confirmation that the Boy Scout Troop from West Deptford will handle the food service this year.

FIELD DAY : **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** is still looking for operators. No decision has been made regarding a GOTA station or Public Information Table. Rather than put new operators on GOTA, Vinnie would prefer to show them how to operate one of the main stations, e.g. on 40 Meters. Also, we need to get a checklist from **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** of things that need to be done at the Clubhouse in preparation for Field Day. It appears that the Wine Festival will not occur this year so we may not have space issues. **Jim Wright N2GXJ** will provide an overview and introduction to Field Day (i.e. How to get on the air and make contacts) at the June 1, 2022 General Membership Meeting and the June 4, 2022 Tech Saturday is reserved for Field Day Planning.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said that a team of Engineering Students from Rowan University has contacted the Club for advice on using GPS to track a rocket that they will launch later this year. The Rowan group visited the Clubhouse last Saturday and will return again next Saturday, bringing the 9-foot rocket.

OLD BUSINESS : Chuck Colabrese WA2TML reviewed the Club's insurance policy and confirmed that it does provides liability coverage for Club Officers, Directors and Members. The Clubhouse and equipment within the Clubhouse is insured but not the towers and antennas outside. We may consider obtaining ARRL Insurance for the new towers and antennas once they are in place.

John O'Connell K2QA reported that the Magic Jack line is now in place with four wireless extensions that can cover the entire Clubhouse.

An article on the GCARC Grounding Project, written by **Ron Block NR2B**, is tentatively scheduled to appear in the July issue of QST.

NEW BUSINESS : John Hill W2HUV noted that both the local and remote HF stations are up and running but he has had trouble running FT8 by remote. The amplifier is available only for the remote station because we do not have a suitable transfer switch. John said he is willing to schedule time with Club members who contact him and want to learn how to use the HF stations. This will be noted in The Crosstalk.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2049 Hours.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Frank W2KBF,
GCARC Recording Secretary**